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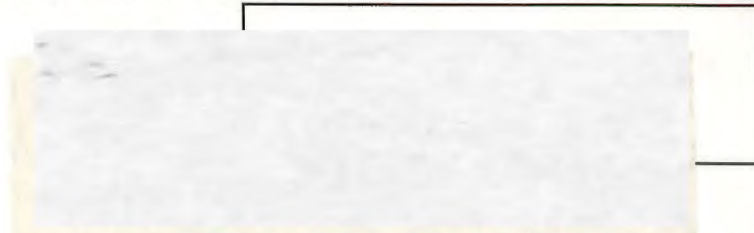
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Review

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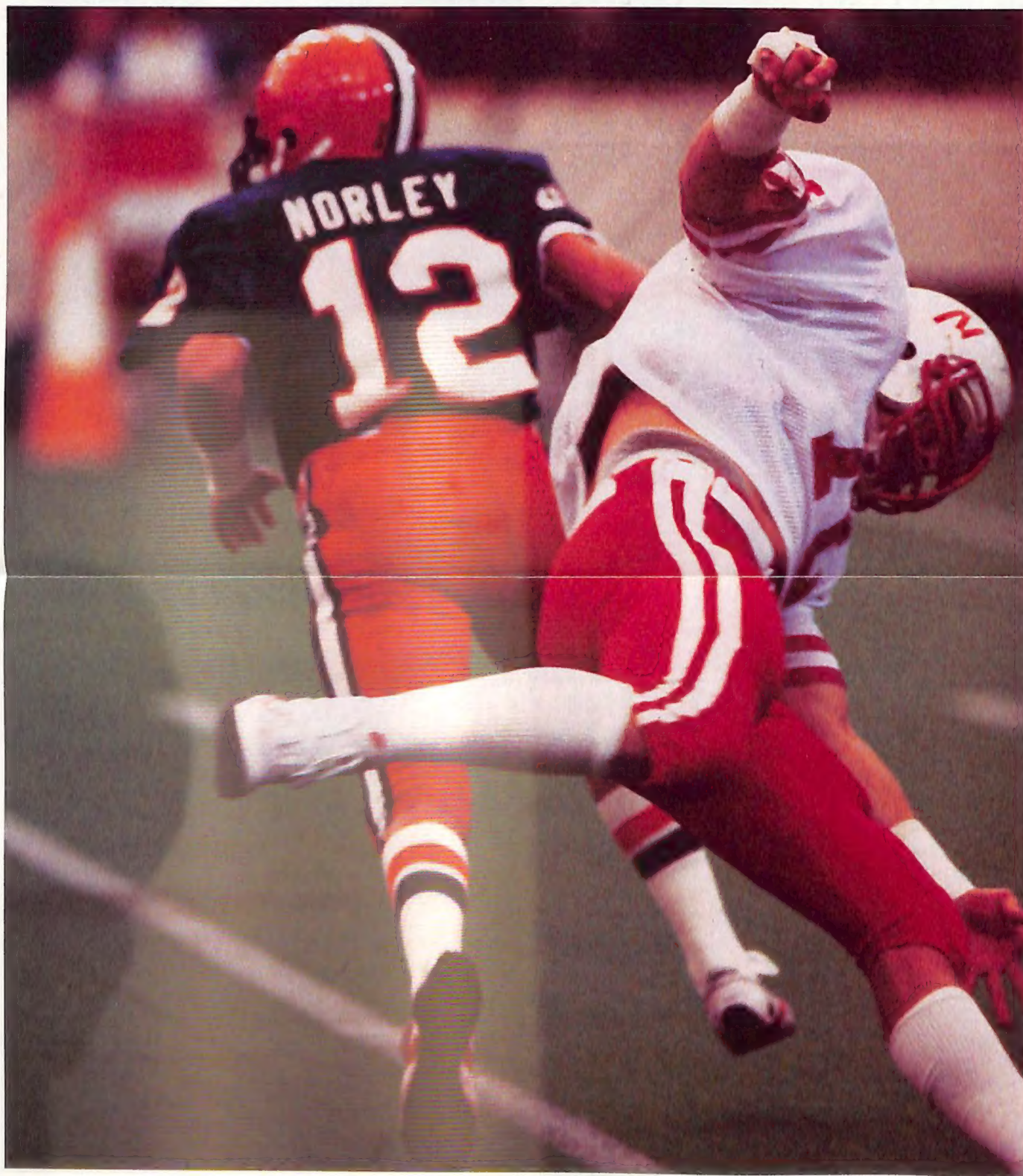
Preview

Nebraska vs. Oklahoma State



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Todd Norley (12) evades the grasp of Nebraska tackle Chris Spachman and picks up a nice gain.

Photos by Randy Hampton

The Extra Point Club Edition



Craig Sundberg (15) makes the handoff to Doug DuBose (22), with Mark Traynowicz leading interference.



Doug DuBose breaks through a hole in the Syracuse line.



Neil Harris stands up a Syracuse running back.



The Orangemen celebrate a fumble recovery as Craig Sundberg (15) and Mark Traynowicz watch in frustration.

STATISTICS

Team Statistics

	TEAM		SEASON	
	NU	SU	NU	OPP
First downs	12	15	100	51
First downs rushing	9	9	73	25
First downs passing	2	4	26	17
First downs penalty	1	2	1	9
Rushing attempts	41	57	242	170
Yards gained rushing	184	166	1428	500
Yards lost rushing	30	48	65	164
Net yards rushing	154	118	1363	336
Net yards passing	60	106	446	491
Passes attempted	5	18	59	95
Passes completed	5	9	33	41
Interceptions by	1	1	3	4
Interception return yards	22	0	301	265
Total Net Yards	214	224	1809	827
Avg. gain per/play	3.75	2.93	6.0	3.1
Punts-yards	7-306	7-277	17-674	36-1565
Avg. per punt	43.7	39.5	39.6	43.5
Punts returned-yards	2-1	2-3	18-302	8-32
Kickoff returns-yards	3-53	2-39	7-131	19-347
Fumbles-lost	4-2	0-0	19-10	7-3
Penalties-yards	5-46	7-52	20-196	18-129
Possession time	23:15	35:45	123:06	116:56
Third down conversions	4-14	8-20	24-54	16-63
Sacks by	3-22	2-15	15-91	3-26

Individual Statistics

Rushing — DuBose 23 attempts for 109 yards, 2 yards lost, 107 yard net, 0 TD, 13 yard long gain; Sundberg 7 for 34, 28, 6, 0, 20; Porter 3 for 7, 0, 7, 0, 3; Turner 1 for 11, 0, 11, 0, 11; Miles 2 for 8, 0, 8, 0, 5; Rathman 4 for 8, 0, 8, 0, 3; Swanson 1 for 7, 0, 7, 0, 7. Totals 41 for 184, 30, 154, 0, 20.

Passing — Sundberg 13 attempts, 5 completions, 1 interception, 60 yards, 1 TD, 25 yard long pass, 2 sacks; Turner 2-0-0, 0, 0, 0. Totals 15-5-1 for 60, 1, 25, 2.

Receiving — Frain 3 receptions for 48 yards, 1 TD, 25 long gain; Swanson 1 for 6, 0, 6; DuBose 1 for 6, 0, 6. Totals 5 for 60, 1, 25.

Kickoff returns — DuBose 3 for 53 yards, 24 long return.

Punt returns — Swanson 2 for 1, 7 long return.

Interception returns — Burke 1 for 22 yards.

Defensive stats — Munford 5 unassisted, 8 assists for 13; Daum 4-7 for 11, Spachman 3-8 for 11; Clark 1-6 for 7; Graeber 0-7 for 7; Watkins 3-3 for 6; McCashland 2-3 for 5; Burke 2-3 for 5; Weber 2-3 for 5; Stuckey 1-4 for 5; Shead 1-3 for 4; Smith 2-1 for 3; Noonan 2-1 for 3; Harris 1-1 for 2; Daffer 1-1 for 2; Strasburger 1-1 for 2; Reeves 0-2 for 2; Skow 0-1 for 1. Totals 31-63 for 94.

Passes broken up — Clark (2), Daum, Watkins, McCashland, Daffer.

Pass sacks — Daum Shead, Smith.

SEASON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing — Smith 74 attempts for 476 net yards, 6.4 average per play, 158.7 per game; DuBose 39 for 285, 7.3, 71.3; Rathman 34 for 196, 5.8, 49.0; Miles 25 for 104, 4.2, 26.0; Porter 14 for 74, 5.3, 18.5; Sundberg 26 for 63, 2.4, 15.8; Swanson 4 for 35, 8.8, 8.8; Gatson 2 for 33, 16.5, 11.0; Turner 13 for 32, 2.5, 8.0.

Passing — Sundberg 48 attempts, 29 completions, .604 percentage, 385 yards, 3 interceptions, 3 touchdowns, 30 longest play, 135.9 efficiency; Turner, 11, 4, .364, 61, 0, 0, 22, 82.9.

Receiving — Frain 6 catches for 102 yards, 17.0 per play, 25.5 per game, 30 longest play, 1 TD; Swanson 6 for 75, 12.5, 18.8, 26, 0; Kimball 5 for 61, 12.2, 15.3, 15, 0; Gamble 3 for 46, 15.3, 11.5, 22, 0; Hiemer 2 for 46, 23.0, 11.5, 28, 1; DuBose 2 for 22, 11.0, 5.5, 16, 0; Schnitzler 1 for 22, 22.0, 5.5, 22, 0; Gatson 1 for 20, 20.0, 6.7, 20, 0; Smith 2 for 19, 9.5, 6.3, 16; Otte 1 for 12, 12.0, 12.0, 12, 0; Lindstrom 1 for 7, 7.0, 3.5, 7, 0; Thompson 1 for 7, 7.0, 1.8, 7, 1.

Defensive — Munford 18 unassisted, 13 assisted for 31; Daum 9-16 for 25; Clark 10-9 for 19; Spachman 8-8 for 16; Shead 10-6 for 16; McCashland 11-5 for 16; Burke 12-4 for 16; Weber 9-6 for 15; Strasburger 11-4 for 15; Daffer 6-8 for 14; Stuckey 2-10 for 12; Graeber 3-8 for 11; Reeves 3-6 for 9; Smith 6-3 for 9; Noonan 8-1 for 9; Skow 7-1 for 8; Watkins 4-3 for 7; Parsons 4-1 for 5; Zierke 4-1 for 5; Tucker 2-2 for 4; Harris 3-1 for 4.

Scoring Summary

Nebraska 9 - Syracuse 17

Nebraska	7	0	0	2	—	9
Syracuse	0	3	7	7	—	17

NU-SY	Play	Time Left
FIRST QUARTER		
7-0	Frain 25 pass from Sundberg (Klein kick). Drive: 59 yards in 8 plays	7:51
Key Plays: Sundberg's 17-yard pass to Frain on a third-down-and-three from the Nebraska 48-yard line...Doug DuBose carried five times for 16 yards		
SECOND QUARTER		
7-3	McAulay 24 field goal Drive: 77 yards in 16 plays	5:07
Key Plays: Lost fumble by Sundberg at the Syracuse 17-yard line...Harold Gayden gained 13 yards on a first-down from the Nebraska 33-yard line.		
THIRD QUARTER		
7-10	Siano 40 pass from Norley. (McAulay kick). Drive: 39 yards in five plays	4:50
Key Plays: A short Nebraska punt out of the end zone...Syracuse overcame a holding penalty...the Orangemen stood second-and-21 when Norley and Siano combined on the TD pass		
FOURTH QUARTER		
7-17	Gayden 1 run. (McAulay kick). Drive: 79 yards in 15 plays	1:29
Key Plays: Jamie Covington's 13-yard run to set up Syracuse with first-and-goal at the Nebraska one-yard line and a 21-yard pass completion, Norley to Scott Schwedes on a third-and-eight from the Cornhusker 47-yard line...the drive was kept alive when Nebraska was penalized 15 yards for having 12 players on the field for a punt		
9-17	Safety, Syracuse punter ran out of end zone.	:00

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A Look Back...

Offensive Headliner

Even though Nebraska's offense sputtered in the 17-9 loss to Syracuse, sophomore I-back Doug DuBose was productive and earns *Huskies Illustrated's* Offensive Player of the Game.

DuBose, subbing for injured senior Jeff Smith, rushed for a career-high 107 yards on 23 carries in his first varsity start.

That total represented exactly half of Nebraska's total offensive yardage of 214, the Huskers' lowest total since Alabama checked NU to 174 in a 20-3 victory in Birmingham in 1978.

DuBose was the only effective Husker offensive weapon against the Orangemen.

An example of that unfortunate fact was Nebraska's second-leading rusher in the game...alternate quarterback Travis Turner, who gained 11 yards on one carry late in the game.

It was DuBose's second straight 100-yard rushing game, having rushed for 103 yards the previous week in Nebraska's 42-3 win at UCLA.

DuBose's effort extended to 16 the number of consecutive games in which Nebraska has had at least one runner rush for 100 yards or more.

"We moved the ball. We just made too many mistakes," DuBose said. "Their defense played well. They pursued and were aggressive. The hitting was obvious."

Syracuse Coach Dick MacPherson was impressed with DuBose. "He's a great player," MacPherson said. "The I-back at Nebraska has always been great. It's the position, and the man, and the team in front of him."



Doug DuBose

The loss dented a homecoming of sorts for DuBose, who chose Nebraska over Syracuse when he was a senior at Montville High School in Uncasville, Conn.

Uncasville is a six-hour drive to Syracuse and DuBose's parents, aunts, uncles and cousins made the trip to see him play in person for the first time at Nebraska.

The DuBose family chose the Syracuse game over an important game in New Haven, Conn., Saturday.

In that game, Doug's brother, Gary, scored all three touchdowns to lead Connecticut to a 20-0 win over Yale.

Gary, a senior running back who had a 102-yard kickoff return against Yale last year, scored on a 45-yard touchdown pass late in the first half, then ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns this year.

Defensive Headliner

Mark Daum, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound senior from Dix, Nebraska, is *Huskies Illustrated's* Defensive Player of the Game for his performance in the 17-9 loss to Syracuse.

Daum recorded 11 tackles, including four unassisted and two for losses of 14 yards. One of those two was a 13-yard sack of Syracuse quarterback Todd Norley.

Daum led a defense that held the Orangemen to 224 total offensive yards — 118 rushing and 106 passing.

He follows teammates Bret Clark, Ken Graeber and Bill Weber as *Huskies Illustrated's* choices for Defensive Player of the Game.

John Melton, NU's veteran linebacker coach, supported Daum for the honor, even though his film studies showed sophomore linebacker Marc Munford with more defensive points against the Orangemen.

Officially, Munford led the Huskers with 13 total tackles, including five solos. Daum tied sophomore defensive tackle Chris Spachman with 11. But his two losses, one pass broken up and sack helped the former eight-man player earn the honor.

"Daum's a tough linebacker and a senior. He deserves some recognition," Melton said. "He's a lot more agile this year and he's turned into a fairly good leader."

Melton said both Daum and Munford are "playing despite being fairly banged up. Munford's playing with a chipped bone in his finger and Daum's bruised all over."

A season-ending knee injury to Mike Knox, the linebacker who joined Daum in the starting lineup last year, has forced Daum into more of a leadership role this year.

"He's done a good job," Melton said. "Every week he makes all the calls and even though it was noisy at Syracuse, he didn't miss a call."



Mark Daum

Although Daum isn't blessed with great overall athletic talent, "he's worked hard and built himself up," Melton said.

"It's not an easy transition from eight-man ball to Big Eight ball," added Melton. "He's had to get a lot more agile to do it. Now, he's even jumping over people to make the tackle. And when he hits 'em, he hits 'em."

"Mark Daum has a lot of pride. He's ornery," Melton said. "He'll help this whole team bounce back against Oklahoma State. He likes physical football and I'm sure it'll be physical this week. I've never known a Nebraska-Oklahoma State game that wasn't."

Daum is Nebraska's second leading tackler through the four non-conference games. He has 25 tackles, nine solos and 16 assists. He's also broken up three passes.

Munford leads the team with 31 total tackles.



The Husker defense knocks a Syracuse ball carrier high in the air.

Scouting Around...

The Opponent....

When Nebraska and Oklahoma State take the field at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, their relationship in the national wire service polls is likely to be unique. Undefeated Oklahoma State, 4-0, will probably be ahead of the Cornhuskers in the Top 20 ratings.

The Cowboys will look at this week's Big Eight Conference opener as a golden opportunity to establish themselves against the three-time defending conference champions.

"Right now, we're sitting exactly where we were last year at this time," Oklahoma State quarterback Rusty Hilger said after the Cowboys had notched victory No. 4, defeating rival Tulsa, 31-7. "We've got to have a victory over Nebraska to set the trend. If we don't beat Nebraska, we're right back where we started."

Oklahoma State has suffered through more than two decades of frustration in its games with Nebraska. The Cowboys won the first two games of the young series, in 1960 and 1961, but since the Bob Devaney-Tom Osborne era, the best they could do was a 17-17 tie in 1973.

Nebraska has won ten straight, including a 14-10 victory at Stillwater a year ago.

Oklahoma State has always had a reputation for rugged defense, and this season is no exception.

Defensive tackle Leslie O'Neal is one of the best at his position, not only in the Big Eight but also in the country. Rodney Harding, the other tackle, is also a quality per-

former, as is noseguard John Washington. Oklahoma State is solid up-front.

Among the other notable OSU defenders are end Harry Roberts, linebackers Matt Monger and Ricky Adams, and safety Adam Hinds, a converted quarterback who was second in the conference in interceptions last year.

"Syracuse was a very fine defensive team, but I think Oklahoma State is a little bit better defensively, and a better offensive team, too," said Osborne.

Hilger gives the Cowboys solid leadership, and tailback Shawn Jones is one of several big-play threats. Against Tulsa, Jones rushed for 174 yards on 21 carries and scored two touchdowns.

When the Oklahoma State attack bogs down, place-kicker Larry Roach is on-hand for field goals. Roach is a two-time all-conference selection and the top returning scorer in the Big Eight.

The Cowboys opened the season with a 45-3 victory over highly-regarded Arizona State, on the road. After that performance, head Coach Pat Jones' first Oklahoma State team isn't likely to surprise anyone.

"They're the best team we've played by a good bunch, and conceivably, they could be as good as anybody we'll play this year. Only time will tell that," said Osborne.

"If we had trouble last week, we're really in for trouble this week. Hopefully, we'll respond well, and turn this thing into something good."

Quotes 'N Notes

Freshman I-back Keith Jones traveled to Syracuse because of the injury to Jeff Smith and will continue to practice with the varsity as Nebraska prepares to play Oklahoma State.

Cornhusker Coach Tom Osborne said he was hesitant to use Jones against Syracuse because of his unfamiliarity with Nebraska's system.

"Keith could run our basic offense, but there are a lot of things the varsity does that he hasn't had yet. We were only able to work with him three days (before Syracuse)."

Even so, Jones would have been pressed into duty if Doug DuBose's ankle hadn't al-

lowed him to continue. With Paul Miles sidelined by a shoulder separation, which occurred the first time he carried the ball, and Smith in street clothes, Jones was the next I-back in line last Saturday afternoon.

Osborne said the Cornhuskers' hopes of a national championship dimmed considerably with the loss to Syracuse, but "it's conceivable you could lose once and still win it."

"It's better to lose one now instead of later, but this kind of thing makes you wonder just how good you really are, and that's a factor. We're certainly not invincible. I think this is a very critical juncture for our football team, to find out what we've made of and how we react."

Smith, it would have been very tough.

"I thought their defense played probably as good of a football game as we've had played against us in three or four years. The name of the game for us has to be physical, and they were more physical than we were."

One week earlier, Nebraska embarrassed a good UCLA team by whipping the Bruins in the trenches. UCLA couldn't match the Cornhuskers' line strength; Syracuse did.

Though Osborne did everything he could to prevent his team from letting down, "I'm sure the emotional buildup, even at the subconscious level, was more intense a week ago than it was this week. No matter how much you talk, you don't quite understand the emotions way down deep," he said.

"A lot of Nebraska fans didn't seem to think this would be much of a test, but I didn't feel at all secure. I expected a real head-knocker."

Osborne emphasized the outcome probably wouldn't have been any different if Smith had played and Rathman had been full-speed. Even so, he admitted he'd "like to try it again with them in the lineup."

The absence of Smith, "obviously hurt us a little bit," Osborne said. "It interrupted some of our continuity on offense, and maybe our punt returns weren't as secure. But I don't want to in any way point to that. Syracuse outplayed us."

It was as simple as it was difficult to accept. Osborne and his team, however, did. When the game was over, they made no excuses.



There could have been excuses. Nebraska's top-ranked football team was, after all, playing without I-back Jeff Smith, who spent the week trying to recover from an ankle injury.

The Cornhuskers did make some critical mistakes — two lost fumbles, an intercepted pass, 12 men on the field for a punt, all of which contributed to their upset loss to unranked Syracuse.

And they played the first half without fullback Tom Rathman, who was dinged on the opening kickoff. The junior from Grand Island did play in the second half, but not at full-speed.

But Nebraska head Coach Tom Osborne didn't alibi this time, just as he's never made excuses in the past.

His explanation for the unexpected loss was simple and direct. "Football's an emotional game," he said. "I think Syracuse outplayed us. With or without Jeff

A look ahead...

Nebraska vs. Oklahoma State

THE WAY THEY SEE IT

Randy York, Lincoln Journal-Star: "Ask Nebraska coaches, players and fans — past and present — who Nebraska's most physical opponent is, year in and year out, and most of them won't say Oklahoma or Missouri. Most of them will say Oklahoma State. Even though the 'Pokes never have beaten the Huskers since Bob Devaney arrived on campus, they have done their share of beating up on the Huskers. We're talking, of course, about the physical nature of the game. Former NU All-American defensive end Derrie Nelson, now a linebacker with the San Diego Chargers, once described Oklahoma State as the most physical football team he ever played against in college. Mike Rozier, the 1983 Heisman Trophy winner, was asked to list the hardest-hitting teams he ever played against and Oklahoma State topped the list. The 'Pokes have a reputation and I doubt if they will lose that reputation this year, especially after their 4-0 start and watching Nebraska lose the physical battle to Syracuse. This matchup shapes up as a typical headknocker. Pads will pop and helmets may fly. These two teams have a mutual respect, but I don't know if Nebraska can command their usual measure of

intimidation. When Okie State blew Arizona State into the Pacific Ocean, they shattered a myth that they cannot beat teams they aren't supposed to beat. They'll be tough. But Nebraska will be tougher. I'll say **NU 17, Oklahoma State 16.**

Dick Janda, KOLN/KGIN-TV, Lincoln-Grand Island: "Since my predictions usually aren't taken very seriously, I wrote the following memo to my colleague at Channels 10-11 on Friday, Sept. 21: 'Nebraska will roll over UCLA, but lose the following week at Syracuse.'

"I didn't have the nerve to be so specific on the air. But I really felt all the elements were there last week for an upset. Back-to-back road trips to both coasts, letdown potential after a big win over UCLA and a Sports Illustrated cover story, and a Syracuse team I knew everyone would underestimate in the audible-impossible Carrier Dome.

"Last week, I felt Nebraska was just a little overrated. This week, I think Oklahoma State is, and I predict Nebraska will bounce back with another computerized win. Make it **Nebraska 42, Oklahoma State 7.**"

THE WAY WE SEE IT

Huskers Illustrated: "This is the 25th meeting in a series that began in 1960. Nebraska leads it, 21-2-1, having won the last 10 in a row since a 17-17 tie at Stillwater in 1973.

"The Huskers have gone unbeaten in the last 22 games since the Cowboys won the first two meetings, 7-6, in Lincoln in 1960 and 14-6 in Stillwater in 1961.

"Then Bob Devaney arrived and you know how the Huskers have dominated the Cowboys. They have not lost during the Devaney-OSborne era.

"The win-loss column, however, does not reflect the intensity of the series. Thirteen of the 24 games in the series, for instance, have been decided by 10 or fewer points. Eight of the games have been decided by four points or fewer.

"The latest, of course, was Nebraska's 14-10 win at Stillwater last year. That was the Huskers' closest call in their record-setting season. They needed an interception by All-Big Eight safety Bret Clark in their own end zone on the last play of the game to salvage the victory.

"Even though Nebraska was plagued by

turnovers against a blitzing defense, Oklahoma State has a habit of putting up a no-kill sign.

"Both of Nebraska's touchdowns last year came on passes from Turner Gill to tight end Todd Frain and wingback Irving Fryar. That meant the Cowboys were the only team to keep Nebraska from scoring a touchdown rushing in a season that saw the Huskers set an NCAA record with 66 rushing TD's (5.5 per game), plus four more in the Orange Bowl loss to Miami.

"Okie State returns most of the players from its 8-4 team that beat Baylor, 8-4, in the Bluebonnet Bowl. The 'Pokes are riding the crest of a top 10-rated team and more national publicity than they have received in recent years.

"But Syracuse did Oklahoma State no favors by upsetting the Huskers. This is a week when the Huskers find out what they are made of. This is a week when they will show the character of the nation's most consistent program. It'll be a rugged, hard-hitting contest. But the Huskers will prevail. We'll say **Nebraska 27, Oklahoma State 13.**"

The Training Room

Back-up I-back Paul Miles suffered a shoulder separation and is expected to miss anywhere from three to four weeks.

Jeff Smith, the No. 1 I-back, however, is expected to return to action after missing a week because of an ankle sprain. Doug DuBose was bothered by a sore ankle in the Syracuse game.

Tight end Todd Frain was dinged in the

second half and spent Saturday night in the hospital for precautionary reasons, but he's expected to be ready for Oklahoma State as are defensive end Bill Weber (groin pull) and linebacker Marc Munford (broken finger).

Otherwise, the Cornhuskers suffered only the usual bumps and bruises in the Syracuse game.



Doug DuBose is gang tackled by an inspired Syracuse defense.



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Nebraska 38, Minnesota 7



Nebraska 42, UCLA 3



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